

Senate Bill 315

By: Senators Smith of the 52nd and Hawkins of the 49th

**AS PASSED SENATE**

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT**

To amend Chapter 21 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to payment and disposition of fines, so as to extend the collection of certain additional penalties for traffic violations; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 21 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to payment and disposition of fines, is amended by revising Code Section 15-21-179, relating to additional penalties for violation of traffic laws or ordinances, as follows:

"15-21-179.

(a) In every case in which any court in this state shall impose a fine or bond payment, which shall be construed to include costs, for any violation of the traffic laws of this state or for violations of ordinances of political subdivisions which have adopted by reference the traffic laws of this state, there shall be imposed as an additional penalty a sum equal to 5 percent of the original fine.

(b) Such sums shall be in addition to any amount required to be paid into any pension, annuity, or retirement fund under Title 47 or any other law and in addition to any other amounts provided for in this article.

(c) This Code section shall be repealed in its entirety on June 30, ~~2008~~ 2013, unless extended by an Act of the General Assembly."

**SECTION 2.**

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

**SECTION 3.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.